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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR AF A/S MOOSE'S USE WITH GOF  
AND GOB OFFICIALSTHE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE FOR AF A/S MOOSE'S USE WITH GOF  
AND GOB OFFICIALS HE WILL MEET IN PARIS, ON MONDAY AUGUST  
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BURUNDI

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-- WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN BURUNDI, WHICH APPEARS TO BE GROWING MORE UNSTABLE AS THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION TALKS DRAG ON WITHOUT ANY VISIBLE PROGRESS. EXTREMIST ELEMENTS FROM BOTH SIDES APPEAR ARE TRYING TO BLOCK A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSION ISSUE.

-- I ASK THAT YOU JOIN THE UNITED STATES IN URGING MODERATE BURUNDI POLITICAL LEADERS TO WORK AT ACHIEVING A RAPID RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSION ISSUE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE LONGER THE SUCCESSION DRAGS ON UNRESOLVED, THE HIGHER THE CHANCE IS OF VIOLENCE BREAKING OUT.

-- WE ARE ALREADY SEEING SIGNS THAT EXTREMISTS AND VIOLENCE ARE GAINING INFLUENCE IN BURUNDI. THERE ARE REPORTS OF ETHNIC KILLINGS IN NORTHERN BURUNDI WITHIN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. EXTREMIST HUTU RADIO MESSAGES ARE BEING BROADCAST FROM SOUTHERN RWANDA OR POSSIBLY FROM ZAIRE INTO BURUNDI.

-- I ASK THAT YOU USE YOUR INFLUENCE AND REPEATED  
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HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO HELP IMPRESS UPON BURUNDI'S LEADERS THE DANGERS INHERENT IN LETTING EXTREMIST ELEMENTS GAIN THE UNDUE INFLUENCE. IN MY RECENT MEETINGS WITH BURUNDI LEADERS, I EMPHASIZED THAT THE COUNTRY IS ON A DANGEROUS PATH WHICH, IF NOT CORRECTED, WILL LEAD THEM TO THE SAME TRAGIC END WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN RWANDA. I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN REINFORCING THAT MESSAGE.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BURUNDI NOT ONLY TO AVOID VIOLENCE, BUT ALSO TO CONSOLIDATE ITS FRAGILE DEMOCRACY AND INSTILL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. I ASK YOU TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES IN URGING BURUNDI'S LEADERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. BY EXPLAINING TO THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT, AND PARTICULARLY TO MILITARY LEADERS, THE HELPFUL ROLE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PLAYED IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, YOUR COUNTRY CAN SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR BURUNDI.

-- IN ORDER TO PROMOTE LASTING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN

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BURUNDI, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ACCOUNTABILITY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR LAST OCTOBER'S FAILED COUP ATTEMPT AND THE MASSACRES THAT FOLLOWED. WHEN THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO SEEK SUCH ACCOUNTABILITY, I URGE YOU TO ADVISE BURUNDIAN LEADERS OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBER OF OAU OBSERVERS IN BURUNDI SHOULD BE INCREASED. MOREOVER, THOSE MONITORS NEED TO BE EMPLOYED EFFECTIVELY TO HELP PRESERVE THE PEACE IN BURUNDI.

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-- BY WORKING TOGETHER, I HOPE THAT WE CAN HELP BURUNDI AVERT ANOTHER CATASTROPHE, BREAK THE CYCLE OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE, AND GET ON A PATH OF TRUE DEMOCRATIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

RWANDA

-- I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE THE HORROR AND SADNESS THAT

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FEEL OVER THE TRAGEDY WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN RWANDA.

-- WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE GOF'S INTERVENTION IN RWANDA, WHICH HAS OBVIOUSLY HAD A STABILIZING EFFECT. WE HOPE THAT FRENCH FORCES WILL NOT WITHDRAW UNTIL ADEQUATE REPLACEMENTS ARE IN PLACE.

-- NOW THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN KIGALI, THE UNITED STATES PRINCIPAL GOALS FOR RWANDA ARE:

-- TO SAVE LIVES THROUGH AN URGENT HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE;

-- TO PROTECT INNOCENT CIVILIANS FROM FURTHER VIOLENCE;

-- TO MAINTAIN THE CEASE-FIRE;

-- TO FOSTER A TRULY BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT;

-- TO ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND THE REINTEGRATION OF THE UPROOTED; AND

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-- TO ENSURE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE TO FACE ACCOUNTABILITY IS THROUGH THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, ALONG THE LINES OF THAT CREATED FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

-- YOUR SUPPORT WOULD LEND GREAT CREDIBILITY AND MOMENTUM TO THE EFFORT TO CREATE A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA. THE PROSECUTION OF PERPETRATORS OF ATROCITIES IN AN IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM IS CRITICAL FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE REGION.

-- I HOPE THAT FRANCE WILL PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, AFTER THE UN COMMISSION OF EXPERTS HAS CONCLUDED ITS FACT-FINDING WORK. SUCH A ROLE WILL HELP PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA.

ZMIRE

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-- WE WERE PLEASED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM'S SUGGESTION THAT BRAHIMI SIGN THE AGREEMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BELGIAN, FRENCH, AND U.S. CHIEFS OF MISSION. WE

WERE EQUALLY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT FRANCE ENDORSED THE IDEA.

-- WE SEE KENGO'S APPOINTMENT AS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

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HIS MOVES TO REPLACE THE HEAD OF THE CENTRAL BANK AND TO TACKLE THE PRESSING ECONOMIC AGENDA ARE CERTAINLY WELCOME.

-- WE MUST URGE KENGO TO PRESS AHEAD WITH A CREDIBLE POLITICAL CALENDAR, WHICH MUST PERMIT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE PARTIES TO GET ORGANIZED FOR ELECTIONS.

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-- IF PROGRESS CONTINUES, WE MAY RECEIVE KENGO AT AN  
APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER.

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON WAYS TO ENCOURAGE  
MOBUTU TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN RWANDA, BURUNDI, AND  
ANGOLA. MOOSE

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